खनिज	यूनिट	1996-97		1997-98	
		मात्रा	कीमत	मात्रा	कीमत
एगेट	टन	400	309	234	187
बॉल क्ले	टन	15	2	15	2
चॉक	टन	123296	29543	116862	27357
क्ले (अन्य)	टन	35128	422	46088	553
डोलोमाइट	टन	252643	22110	148198	11597
फायरक्ले	टन	98554	5362	82459	3587
फ्लोराइट (ग्रेडिड)	टन	40	147	0	0
फ्लोराइट सांद्र	टन	19926	112343	11338	76717
जिप्सम	टन	41	10	100	49
कोलिन (प्राकृतिक)	टन	98626	10181	49312	6113
कोलिन (संसाधित)	टन	8939	8598	12310	7676
लाइमस्टोन	हजार टन	11180	722143	14220	763282
केलकेरियस सैंड	टन	107968	3671	18432	627
ओकर	टन	922	89	565	41
क्वार्टज	टन	1998	80	3740	150
सिलिका सैंड	टन	112304	8198	118428	7201
स्टीराइट	टन	34	2	114	8
वर्मीकुलाइट	टन	0	0	185	60
लेटराइट	टन	98	5	109	6
परलाइट	टन	310	310	80	80
जोड़			27912164		27305741

Amount Spent on Modernisation of Bokaro Steel Plant

3624. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) amount spent in Bokaro modernisation and the agencies involved in that;

(b) the foreign exchange part in the project;

(c) whether any public sector unit like Instrumentation Ltd. was made associate and given some share of work in the project; and

(d) if so, the facts in details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) The amount spent in Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) modernisation till March'98 was Rs. 1786.68 crores. The major agencies involved are listed in the Statement (*See below*).

(b) Foreign exchange part in the revised cost estimate of the project approved in August' 95 is Rs. 301 crores.

(c) and (d) M/s Instrumentation Limited was not made a direct associate of Bokaro Steel Plant modernisation project. However, public sector units associated with the project are M/s. Hindustan Steelworks Construction Limited (HSCL), M/s. Metallurgical

Engineering Consultants Limited (MECON), M/s. Braithwaite and M/s. Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC), etc.

Statement

Sl. No.	Package	Company
A.	Continuous Casting	HSCL, L&T, ABB, VAI, Austria (Voest-Alpine Industrieanlagenbau)
B.	Reheating Furnace	HSCL, MECON, Italiampianti, Italy (Now Technit)
C.	Hot Strip Mill & Coiler	ABB, SMS(I), (Schloemann-Siemag, India) Simplex, TGS (Tata Growth Shop) VAI, Austria SMS (AG), Germany (Schloemann-Siemag, Akiengesellschaft) GFA, Germany
D.	Indigenous packages	HEC, Braithwaite, HSCL, Siemens, Wellman, BSBK, NICCO, KPC, TELCO, Philips, Ashok Leyland, etc.

Steel Prices

3625. SHRI S.M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the comparative price of steel during last five years, year-wise in the country and the steel imported;

(b) the reasons for increase in the prices and its likely effect on production and demand;

(c) whether Government propose to reduce the prices of steel produced by Steel Companies like SAIL, TISCO, ESSAR and other private steel companies;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the cost of steel production both in private and public sector separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI RAMESH BAIS): (a) to (c) After the decontrol of steel in January 1992, the demand, production and prices of steel are driven by market forces. The prices of imported and domestic steel items vary depending upon specific grades, thicknesses and composition. Prices are also dependent on incidence of duties, levies, taxes and foreign exchange rate. These factors are dynamic and keep changing frequently. However, the landed cost of imports, inclusive of custom duty,of steel items at present, are generally higher as compared to the ex-stockyard prices of SAIL. Government has no role to play in pricing of steel produced by the main producers. Secondary producers were free to fix their own prices even prior to 1992. The open market prices of steel have not shown any drastic increase in the past one year. The reason being that the market is unable to sustain the high cost of steel.

(d) Does not arise in view of (a) to (c) above.

(e) The cost of production of steel primarily depends upon prices of inputs such as iron ore, coal, steel scrap and energy, cost of freight and labour Customs/Excise Duty on inputs and raw materials and financial charges. The cost of these inputs/factors keeps varying from time to time according to the inter-play of market forces. The cost of production also varies from item to item and depends on the specification thickness, grade etc. of the steel items required to be produced. As such an average cost of steel production cannot be arrived at.